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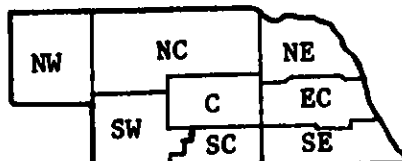
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## WEATHER

The week was cool with widespread light rain. Amounts were mostly one-tenth to two-tenths of an inch with some local areas of up to a half inch. Average temperatures were two to three degrees below normal.

## GENERAL

Little rain fell to relieve the dry conditions across the State, as four districts reported no measurable precipitation. Most producers continued seeding small grains, grasses, and alfalfa. Row crop seedbed preparation was also active. Other activities for the week consisted of: shredding and disking corn stalks, applying fertilizer, machinery repair, calving, and general livestock care. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.0.

Topsoil moisture condition rated at 67% short and 33% adequate. Subsoil moisture condition rated 72% short and 28% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture was 23% short, 74% adequate, and 3% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 23% short and 77% adequate. The current ratings are at about the same level as experienced in 1981 but lower than the comparable date in all other years during the 1980's.

## CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 19% poor, 54% fair, and 27% good. More evidence of winter kill became apparent as the crop began to green up. Crown rot was reported in many areas and limited populations of army cutworms were reported in the Panhandle.

A few fields of corn have been planted while other growers are preparing to plant.

Oat seeding was 45% complete compared with 50% last year and 41% for the five-year average. Seeding was most advanced in the East, Southeast, and South Central areas of the State.

Sugar beet and barley seeding was also underway.

## LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies rated 44% short, 53% adequate, and 3% surplus. Growth of pastures has been limited by cool, dry weather. Calving was winding down in most areas with no major problems reported.

## Precipitation, April 1 - April 7, 1989

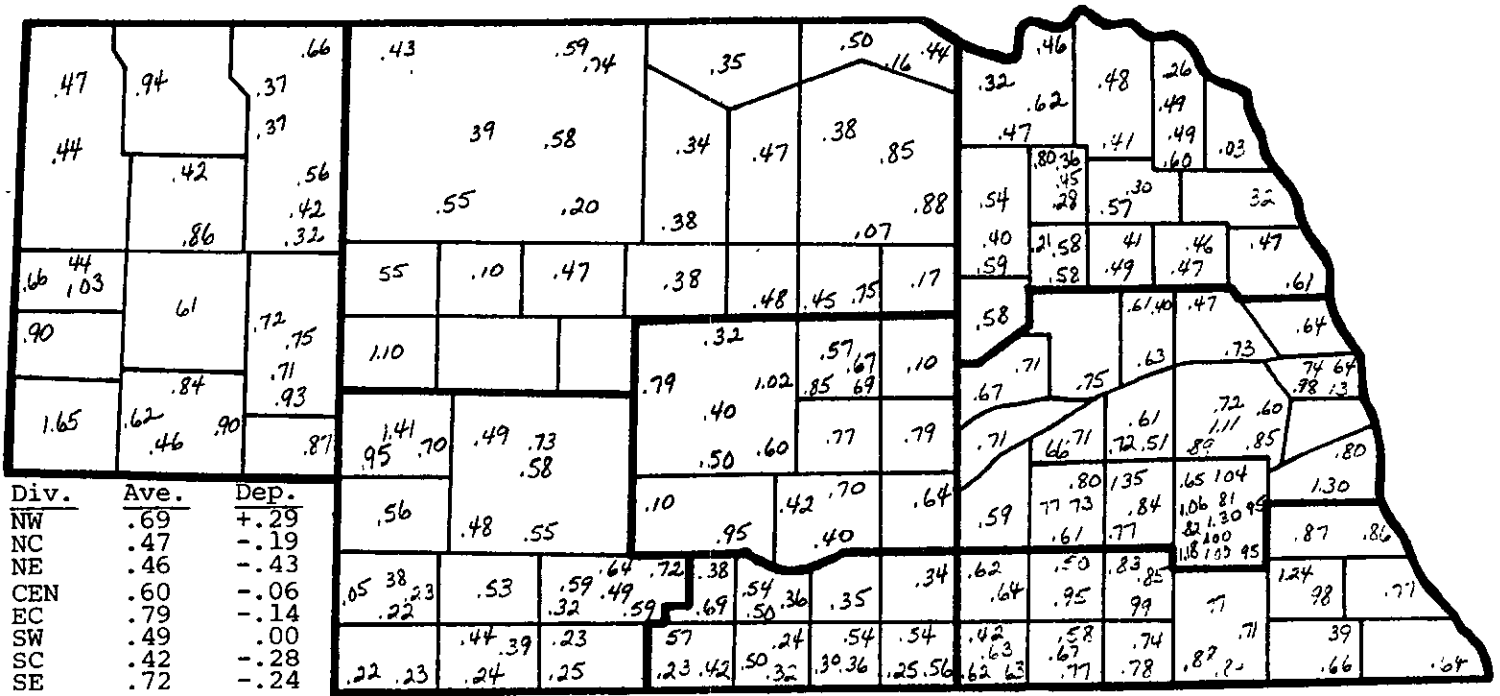
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week .....	.00	.11	.15	.02	.06	.00	.01	.03
Total since April 1 .....	.00	.11	.15	.02	.06	.00	.01	.03
Normal since April 1 .....	.35	.49	.56	.55	.63	.39	.49	.63

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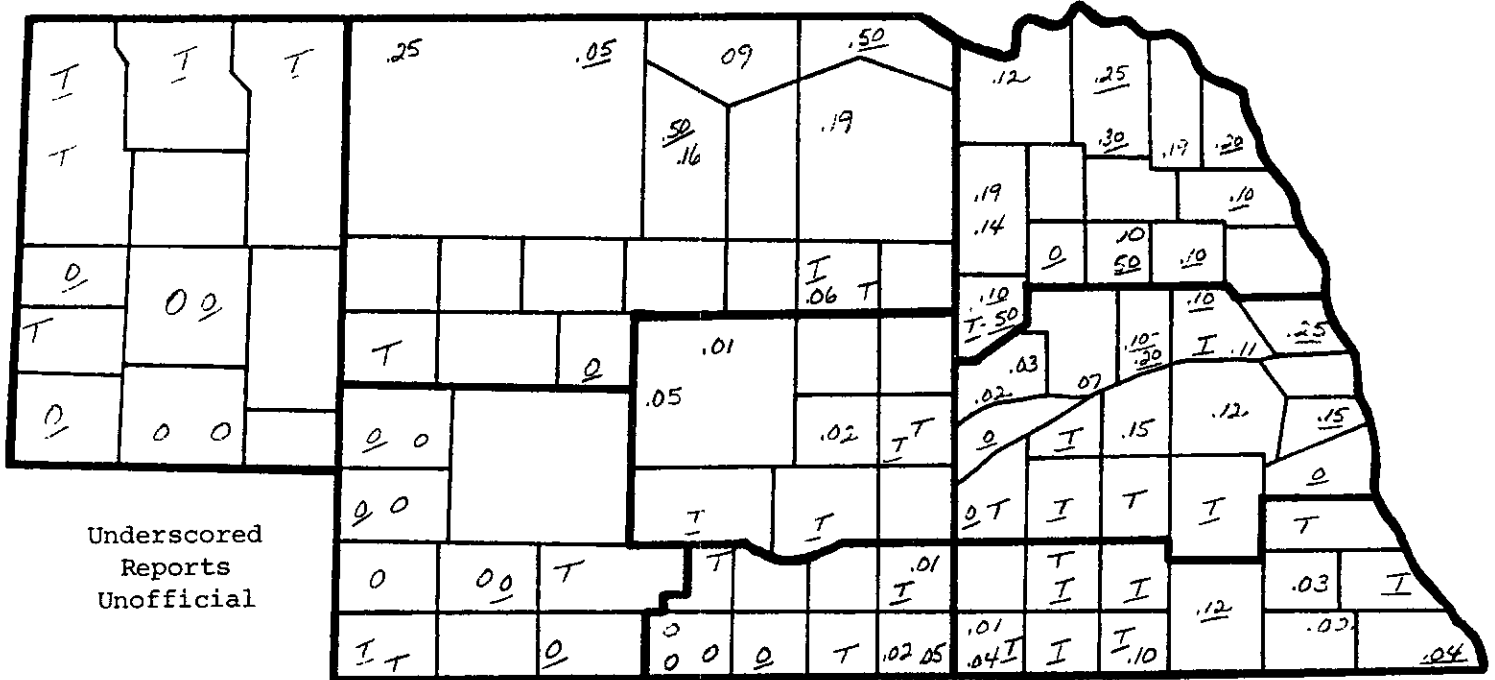
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1989 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1989



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1989

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	72	22	41	--
	Scottsbluff	76	15	40	-3
	Sidney	77	19	40	--
NC	Ord	76	23	41	--
	Valentine	72	23	40	-2
NE	Norfolk	68	24	42	-2
	Sioux City	63	21	42	-3
CEN	Grand Island	78	28	44	-2
EC	Lincoln	70	27	45	-2
	Omaha	63	24	43	-3
SW	Imperial	80	25	44	--
	North Platte	80	24	44	0

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.